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## **HURRICANE CHARLEY INFORMATION SHEET**

### ***RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEWER OR SEWAGE BACKUPS***

#### **To Local Residents:**

Due to Hurricane Charley, you may be experiencing difficulties with your Septic System not functioning properly. If your system is operated by a dosing tank, it will not function without electricity. You should refrain from using water in your home as much as possible until electricity is restored. The tanks will fill up without dosing water to the drainfield. This may cause backups of raw sewage in your home.

If a Sewage backup has occurred in your home, secure the areas affected from access. Keep children out of wet areas that are affected by sewage. If your entire home has been saturated, abandon the home until all affected areas, including but not limited to carpets, rugs, sheetrock, drywall, and baseboards, have been remediated.

If sewage has overflowed in open areas or streets, etc., avoid these areas and keep children out of the these areas.

Do not let children play in flood waters as these waters may be affected by sewage also.

If you live in a low lying or flood prone area, be advised that the ground in your area may already be saturated due to the heavy rainfalls during and after the hurricane. You should use household water as little as possible to prevent backups of sewage in your home.

If you are having problems in areas served by sewer systems, please contact your utility company to insure they are aware of problems in your area.

If you have questions, please contact the Orange County Health Department at 407-836-2550.